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mocracy and Technology, all of Washington, D.C.; and Jane Bambauer, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, Tucson.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 6 and 1678–1702; 1 private bill, H.R. 1703; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 217–219, were introduced. **Pages H2678–80**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2681–82**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Espaillat to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2649**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2654**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Claudio J. Kogan, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine, Edinburg, TX. **Page H2654**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Calling for accountability and justice for the assassination of Boris Nemtsov: H. Res. 156, amended, calling for accountability and justice for the assassination of Boris Nemtsov, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 121; **Pages H2657–60, H2673–74**

Crimea Annexation Non-recognition Act: H.R. 596, amended, to prohibit United States Government recognition of Russia's annexation of Crimea, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 427 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 122; **Pages H2660–62, H2675**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To prohibit United States Government recognition of the Russian Federation's claim of sovereignty over Crimea, and for other purposes." **Page H2675**

Vladimir Putin Transparency Act: H.R. 1404, amended, to strengthen the United States response to Russian interference by providing transparency on the corruption of Russian President Vladimir Putin; **Pages H2662–64**

Keeping Russian Entrapments Minimal and Limiting Intelligence Networks Act: H.R. 1617, to direct the Director of National Intelligence to submit intelligence assessments of the intentions of the political leadership of the Russian Federation; **Pages H2664–65**

Electronic Message Preservation Act: H.R. 1582, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require preservation of certain electronic records by Federal agencies, to require a certification and reports relating to Presidential records; **Pages H2665–67**

Federal Advisory Committee Act Amendments of 2019: H.R. 1608, to amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to increase the transparency of Federal advisory committees; and **Pages H2667–71**

Federal Register Modernization Act: H.R. 1654, amended, to amend title 44, United States Code, to modernize the Federal Register, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 426 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 123. **Pages H2671–73, H2675–76**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared on March 15, 1995 is to continue in effect beyond March 15, 2019—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–20). **Page H2657**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2673–74, H2675, and H2675–76. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

TREASURY'S ROLE IN COMBATTING FINANCIAL CRIMES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing

entitled “Treasury’s Role in Combatting Financial Crimes”. Testimony was heard from Sigal Mandelker, Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, Department of the Treasury.

APPROPRIATIONS—HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the House of Representatives. Testimony was heard from the following House of Representatives officials: Paul D. Irving, Sergeant at Arms; Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House; Philip G. Kiko, Chief Administrative Officer.

PUBLIC WITNESS TESTIMONY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing entitled “Public Witness Testimony”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on the Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division. Testimony was heard from Eric Dreiband, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice.

APPROPRIATIONS—RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on Related Agencies. Testimony was heard from Chief Judge Robert N. Davis, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims; Karen Durham-Aguilera, Executive Director, Army National Military Cemeteries; and public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the United States Capitol Police. Testimony was heard from Matthew Verderosa, Chief of Police, U.S. Capitol Police.

STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES: PASSENGER RAIL DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Stakeholder Perspectives: Passenger Rail Development”. Testimony was heard from Jason Orthner, Rail Division Director, North Carolina Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF FOR-PROFIT COLLEGES: PROTECTING STUDENTS AND TAXPAYER DOLLARS FROM PREDATORY PRACTICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Oversight of For-Profit Colleges: Protecting Students and Taxpayer Dollars from Predatory Practices”. Testimony was heard from Senator Durbin and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on the Department of Agriculture, Office of the Inspector General. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Ann M. Coffey, Acting Assistant Inspector General for Investigations; Phyllis Fong, Inspector General; and Gil Harden, Assistant Inspector General.

UPDATE ON RECOVERY EFFORTS FOR 2017 AND 2018 DISASTERS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security held a hearing entitled “Update on Recovery Efforts for 2017 and 2018 Disasters”. Testimony was heard from Pete Gaynor, Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

OUTSIDE PERSPECTIVES ON MILITARY PERSONNEL POLICY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Outside Perspectives on Military Personnel Policy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE PRESIDENT’S 2020 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The President’s 2020 Budget”. Testimony was heard from Russell Vought, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget.

GROWING A HEALTHY NEXT GENERATION: EXAMINING FEDERAL CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services held a hearing entitled “Growing a Healthy Next Generation: Examining Federal Child Nutrition Programs”. Testimony was heard from Cheryl Johnson, Director, Child Nutrition and Wellness, Kansas State Department of Education; Donna Martin, Director, School Nutrition Program, Burke County Board of Education, Georgia; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATING TO SAFEGUARD THE FREE AND OPEN INTERNET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Legislating to Safeguard the Free and Open Internet”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 HHS BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2020 HHS Budget”. Testimony was heard from Alex Azar, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

HOLDING MEGABANKS ACCOUNTABLE: AN EXAMINATION OF WELLS FARGO’S PATTERN OF CONSUMER ABUSES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Holding Megabanks Accountable: An Examination of Wells Fargo’s Pattern of Consumer Abuses”. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

SECURING OUR NATION’S CHEMICAL FACILITIES: STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES ON IMPROVING THE CFATS PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Innovation held a hearing entitled “Securing Our Nation’s Chemical Facilities: Stakeholder Perspectives on Improving the CFATS Program”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING; COMMITTEE FUNDING FOR THE 116TH CONGRESS

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a business meeting on Committee Resolution 116–08; and a hearing entitled “Committee Funding for the 116th Congress”. Committee Resolution 116–08 was adopted, without amendment. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cummings and Jordan.

HISTORY AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing entitled “History and Enforcement of the Voting Rights Act of 1965”. Testimony was heard from Catherine Lhamon, Chair, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; Paige Whitaker, Legislative Attorney, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship held a business meeting on the Subcommittee’s Rules of Procedure and Statement of Policy for Private Immigration Bills; and Request for DHS Departmental Reports on the Beneficiaries of H.R. 1548. The Subcommittee’s Rules of Procedure and Statement of Policy for Private Immigration Bills was adopted. Request for DHS Departmental Reports on the Beneficiaries of H.R. 1548 was agreed to.

THE STATE OF COMPETITION IN THE WIRELESS MARKET: EXAMINING THE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED MERGER OF T-MOBILE AND SPRINT ON CONSUMERS, WORKERS, AND THE INTERNET

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law held a hearing entitled “The State of Competition in the Wireless Market: Examining the Impact of the Proposed Merger of T-Mobile and Sprint on Consumers, Workers, and the Internet”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE, AND THE POWER MARKETING ADMINISTRATIONS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Forest Service, and the Power Marketing Administrations”. Testimony was heard from Mike Nedd, Deputy Director, Operations, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Chris French, Acting Deputy Chief, National Forest Systems, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and the following Department of Energy officials: Kenneth Legg, Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration; Mike Wech, Administrator, Southwestern Power Administration; Elliot Mainzer, Administrator, Bonneville Power Administration; and Mark Gabriel, Administrator, Western Area Power Administration.

WOW 101: THE STATE OF WILDLIFE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing entitled “WOW 101: The State of Wildlife”. Testimony was heard from Valerie Covey, Commissioner, Precinct Three, Williamson County Commissioner’s Court, Williamson County, Texas; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE PUBLIC HEALTH RISKS OF CARCINOGENS IN CONSUMER PRODUCTS

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy held a hearing entitled “Examining the Public Health Risks of Carcinogens in Consumer Products”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENGINEERING OUR WAY TO A SUSTAINABLE BIOECONOMY

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “Engineering Our Way to a Sustainable Bioeconomy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHALLENGES IN SBA’S STATE TRADE EXPANSION PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Rural Development, Agriculture, Trade, and Entrepreneurship held a hearing entitled “Challenges in SBA’s State Trade Expansion Program”. Testimony was heard from Kim Gianopoulos, Director of International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; and Hannibal Ware, Inspector General, U.S. Small Business Administration.

LOOKING FORWARD: AVIATION 2050

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “Looking Forward: Aviation 2050”. Testimony was heard from David McBride, Director, Armstrong Flight Research Center, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and public witnesses.

PROTECTING AND IMPROVING SOCIAL SECURITY: ENHANCING SOCIAL SECURITY TO STRENGTHEN THE MIDDLE CLASS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing entitled “Protecting and Improving Social Security: Enhancing Social Security to Strengthen the Middle Class”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TEMPORARY POLICY IN THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing entitled “Temporary Policy in the Internal Revenue Code”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its Rules for the 116th Congress.

MEMBER DAY

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Foster, Beyer, Trone, Rice of New York, Davis of California, Gallagher, Eshoo, Arrington, Phillips, Pascrell, Pelosi, McCarthy, Mast, Fitzpatrick, Dunn, Perlmuter, Bergman, Sarbanes, Buck, Porter, Costa, Houlahan, Axne, Sewell of Alabama, Lipinski, Thompson of Mississippi, Murphy, Clark of Massachusetts, Underwood, and Webster of Florida.

Joint Meetings

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations, after receiving testimony from Lourdes E. Alvarado-Ramos, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, Olympia, Washington; Robert Washington, Sr., Fleet Reserve Association, Oxon Hill, Maryland; Crystal Wenum, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., Hudson, Wisconsin; Thomas A. Zampieri, Blinded Veterans Association, Pearland, Texas; Barry J. Schneider, Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, Ft. Worth, Texas; Douglas J. Greenlaw, Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America, Greenville, South Carolina; and Rene A. Campos, USN (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, Alexandria, Virginia.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Heath P. Tarbert, of Maryland, to be Chairman, and to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of the Air Force, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower, to receive a closed briefing on the most significant threats to United States Naval Forces and how Naval Forces plan to operate in a contested environment, 10:30 a.m., SVC-217.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2020, 2:30 p.m., SD-608.